

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

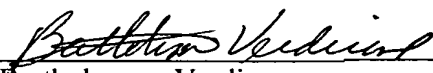
Claims 1-24 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-11 and 15 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1, and Claims 13-14 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 11 thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. In addition, the element numbers have been removed from Claims 1-24 in accordance with U.S. practice. New dependent Claims 25-35 have been added and are directed to elements previously claimed in Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, and 19-21, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4007. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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